



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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**WHAT: INTERSTATE 40 BRIDGE REPAIR**

**WHEN: ONGOING**

**WHERE: I - 40 NEAR ESSEX**

Several weeks ago, Caltrans initiated an emergency contract to perform work to strengthen damaged bridges on I-40 near Essex. This work was undertaken in preparation for a construction project that has been initiated to erect two new bridges at Mustang Wash.

At this location, one westbound I-40 lane has been closed 24 hours each day and one eastbound lane has been closed each day during daylight hours. These closures will remain in effect for approximately two more weeks. At that time a long-term detour will go into effect.

Detour: Eastbound I-40 traffic will be routed onto the westbound I-40 roadbed, providing motorists access to one lane in each direction. This will help ensure motorist safety and also allow access for construction work. The detour will remain in effect during the first phase of bridge construction. Information updates will follow as work progresses.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and cooperation during this project. For more information on Caltrans District 8 roadwork, please go to our website at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist) and go to “press releases.” Always remember to “slow for the cone zone.”

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